

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

ABSENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held at Tuesday, September 11, 2012 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Mike Schmidt be allowed to give a presentation regarding a New Economic Development Software package for the City as well as discussion and potential action to follow. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Schmidt discussed a new program that he has created a new tool for use in economic development. Mr. Schmidt discussed a multi-phased project. The first phase is to establish a city site specific economic development site. He will provide interactive maps of the city outlining TIF Districts, Zoning classifications, Streets, etc. Mr. Schmidt said he would waive the \$7,500.00 charge to create the site and develop other products. The second step is the data base containing over 13,000 developers in the United States who will be updated on economic development opportunities within the City. If the city decides to participate he would like a 3-year commitment, and the package fees are: Gold: Updated 8 times a year at \$1,000/month. Silver: Updated 6 times a year at \$800.00/month and Bronze: Updated 4 times a year at \$500.00/month. These are all TIF eligible expenses. His firm would maintain the site and provide e-books. He will also provide monthly reports to the city regarding number of hits our web site gets and where the hits are coming from. His web site would be linked to the City of LaSalle web site. Alderman Duncan asked if it would be possible for local businesses to advertise, for a fee, on the web site, and he was told that might be a possibility.

Alderman Ptak said that all of the information from Mr. Schmidt will be further discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on October 9th, and the committee may have a recommendation to the Council for that evening.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the petition of John Pohar of Pohar Family Development L.L.C. for Subdivision approval is referred to the Planning Commission for study and a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from the Zonta Club of LaSalle-Peru Area to collect donations at various businesses for their "Buckets of Love" project on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the request from, the LaSalle Little League to have its annual Tag Day collection at various businesses on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30, 2013 is granted. Further that they are also are given permission to collect at the intersection of Bucklin and 11th Streets on Friday March 29th and on Saturday, March 30th from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. and those adults only are allowed to collect in the intersection and that those collecting wear reflective safety vests. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes that the LaSalle Business Association is given permission to close First Street from 7:00 A.M. Saturday, October 6th until 10:00 A.M. Sunday, October 7th between Marquette and Gooding for the Jazz'N the Street Festival to be held on October 6, 2012. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Edgcomb and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the request from Clint Wenzel for a masonry waiver for new construction at 360 N. Civic Road is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request from Carus Corporation to ban parking on Sterling Street on the stretch of road directly west of their Northwest gate is denied. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Police Income Report for August 2012 showing total fees collected of \$13,261.99 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

PROCLAMATION: Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Mayor's proclamation declaring October 2011 as Illinois Arts & Humanities Month (AH!) in the City of LaSalle is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION:

October as Illinois Arts & Humanities Month

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the intersection of Marquette and First Streets become a 4-way stop intersection.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderman Bacidore announced that at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 4, 2012 there will be a meeting in the council chambers of the Building Codes Committee and residents who are concerned with vacant or abandoned buildings so they can discuss issues associated with those buildings.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the request of the LaSalle Rotary Park Foundation to name one of the soccer fields after John R. Skinner, Jr.; to name the first shelter in between the two soccer fields in honor of Bill Bacidore, former LaSalle Fire Chief; to name the larger shelter near the newly created playground as the LaSalle, Peru and Sunrise Rotary Clubs Shelter; and to name the last shelter within the dog park as the Dick Cranford Shelter.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lavieri reported that work on the playground at Rotary Park is 95%-98% complete. He said the playground equipment is awesome. Alderman Lavieri thanked Matt Baker and all those who volunteered assembling and installing the playground equipment over the weekend.

Mayor Grove said that there is a pole to the entrance to Rotary Park and it is being moved.

Mayor Grove commented that Parvovirus in Dogs is going around in our area, and one particular dog diagnosed with Parvo disease was in the new dog park at 1st and Wright Street and dog owners should avoid that area if their dogs have not been vaccinated.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Ordinance No. 2372: Ordinance Approving Agreement Regarding Repair of a Portion of Railroad Right-Of-Way by Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. and Related Matters is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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COMMENTS

Mayor Grove announced that the leaf vacuum program will begin on October 1st. Collection days are:

Monday will be the 4th Ward

Tuesday and Wednesday will be 3rd Ward

Thursday will be 2nd Ward

Friday will be the 1st Ward

Mayor Grove thanked Engineer Mike Furlan and Supt./Dir. Sam McNeilly for all their work with the downtown sidewalk and street programs. Trees will be planted in the next couple of weeks.

7:59 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council recesses the regular meeting and goes into executive session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union and acquisition of City real estate and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters; collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union, and acquisition of City real estate and related matters.

8:41 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$351,547.75 (Payroll \$175,270.20; bills to be paid \$78,334.82; bills paid \$97,942.73) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMNENT

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNED 8:41 P.M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk